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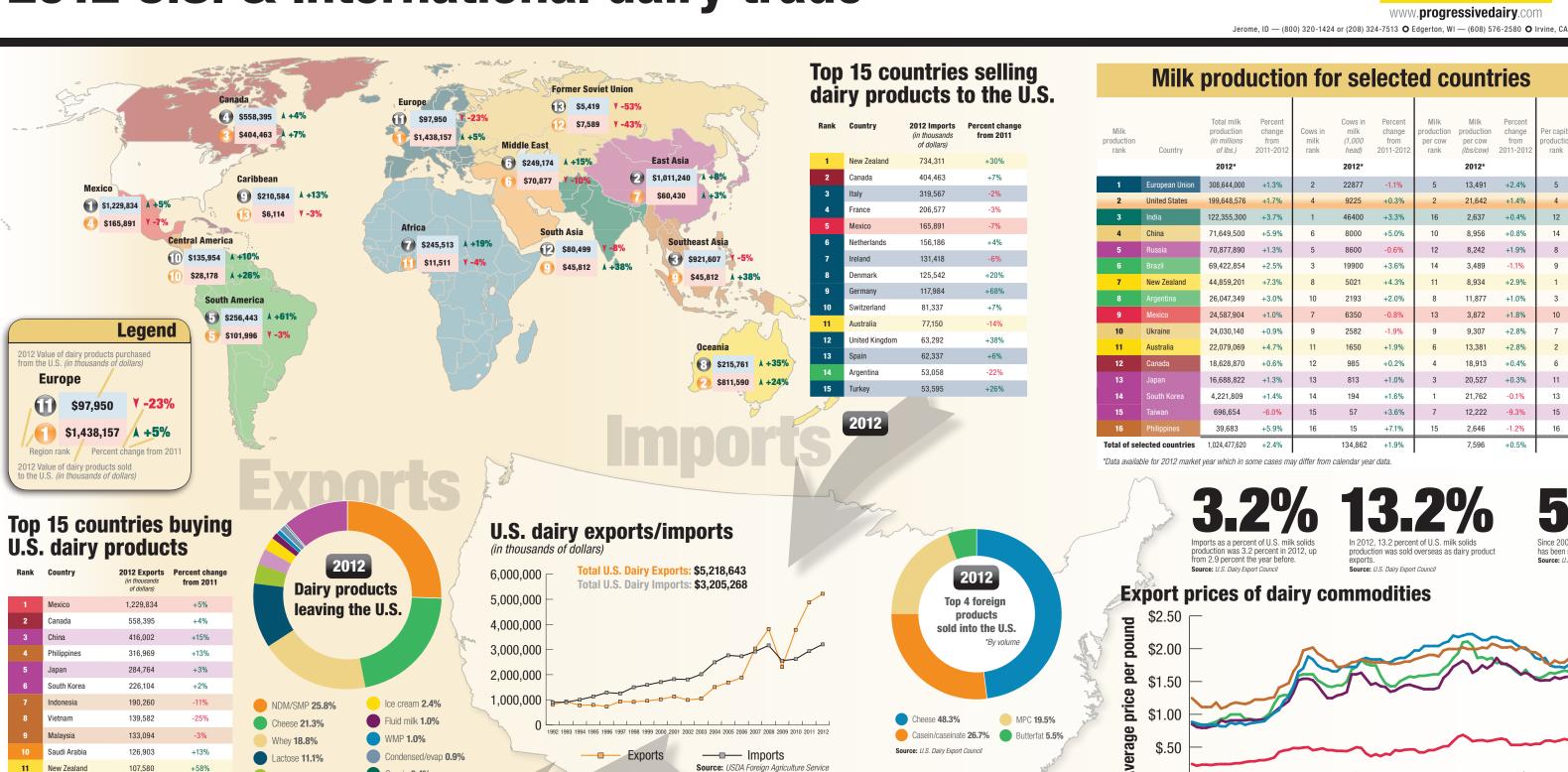
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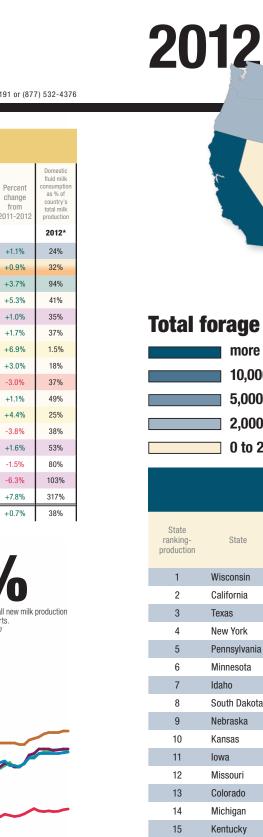
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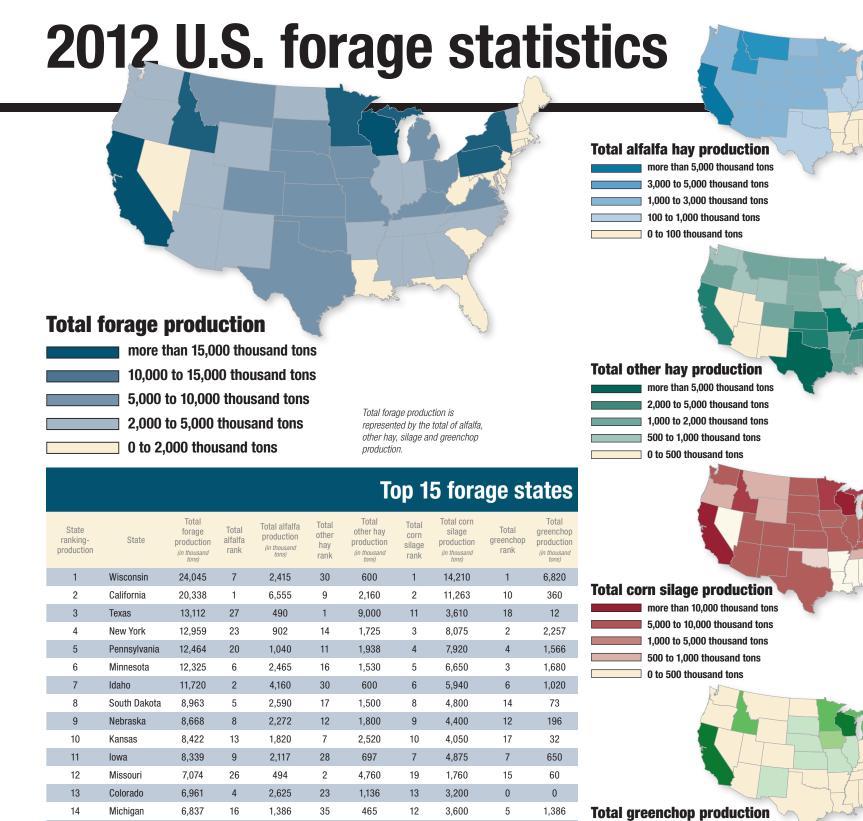
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because of an old drought in the Southwest, contributed to the situation Milk production grew 1 percent in the West, and Midwestern annual milk production increased by nearly 4 Colorado had the largest year-

For the first time in the last three years, growth of dairy imports on a per-value basis exceeded the growth of U.S. dairy exports, which at \$5.2 billion was still the largest-ever export sales figure. Imports as a percentage of U.S. milk solids production rose from 2.9 percent in 2011 to 3.2 percent in 2012. The percentage of U.S. milk solids bound for export markets ticked lower to 13.2 percent, down from the highest

Industry consolidation moved slightly above the five-year average in 2012 as 3.8 percent of licensed dairies exited the industry. The average U.S. dairy herd size grew by eight cows to 187. For the second year in a row, the U.S. dairy herd expanded, adding 39,000 cows. However, the U.S. herd size has not returned to pre-2009 levels. The average dairy cow had an average annual production of 21,697 pounds, which was a new record.

peak ever of 13.3 percent in 2011.

More than half of all of the country's new milk produced last year came from the Midwest. The region

contributing the smallest amount of new milk to the U.S. total was the Southwest, at only 8 percent of new milk production. Also, there was no change in dairy cattle numbers in the Southwest. The Midwest added the most cows, ending the year with 17,000

over-year increase in milk production at 7.1 percent. Its southern neighbor, New Mexico, retained the top spot for average per-cow production. Cows in that state produced, on average, 24,694 pounds per cow per year. Just to the east, Texas lost more than 15 percent of its dairies in one year, the of licensed dairies in operation in the

Three states changed position among the Top 25 milk-producing states. South Dakota improved to No 20, surpassing Illinois. Both it and Utah improved total annual milk production by 5 percent. According to the USDA, Utah and Illinois are now tied as the No. 21 milk-producing states.

Milk brought to market exceeded one billion pounds in Tulare County, California, in May 2012. U.S. countywide milk production surged early in 2012 during an above-average spring flush. Three out of every four Top 50 dairy counties recorded an increase in marketed milk in May 2012 A third of the Top 50 counties posted excess of 5 percent. The Top 100 milkproducing counties accounted for 58 percent of total U.S. production. **PD**





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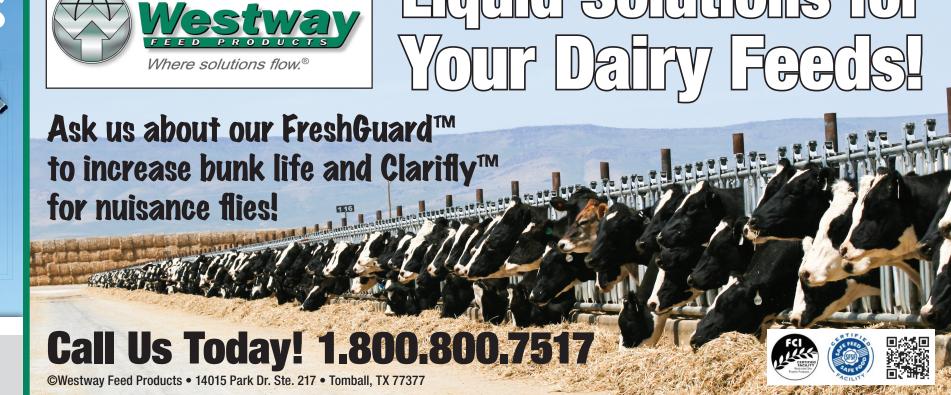
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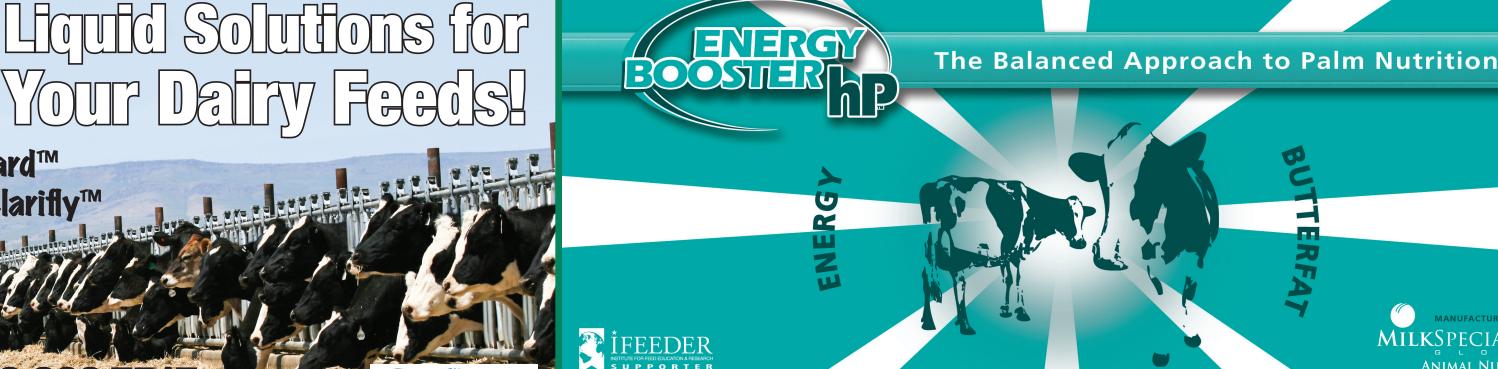
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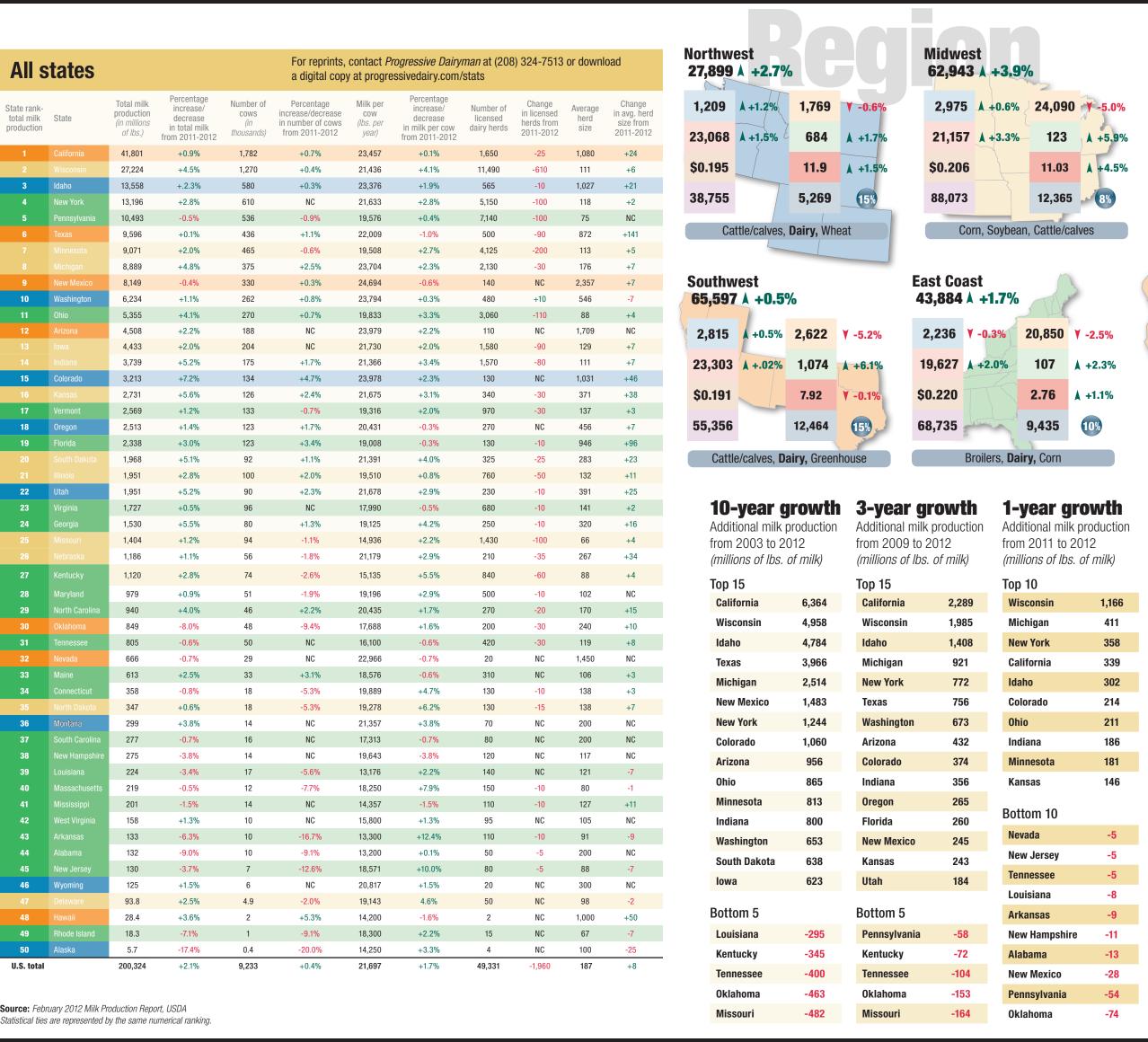
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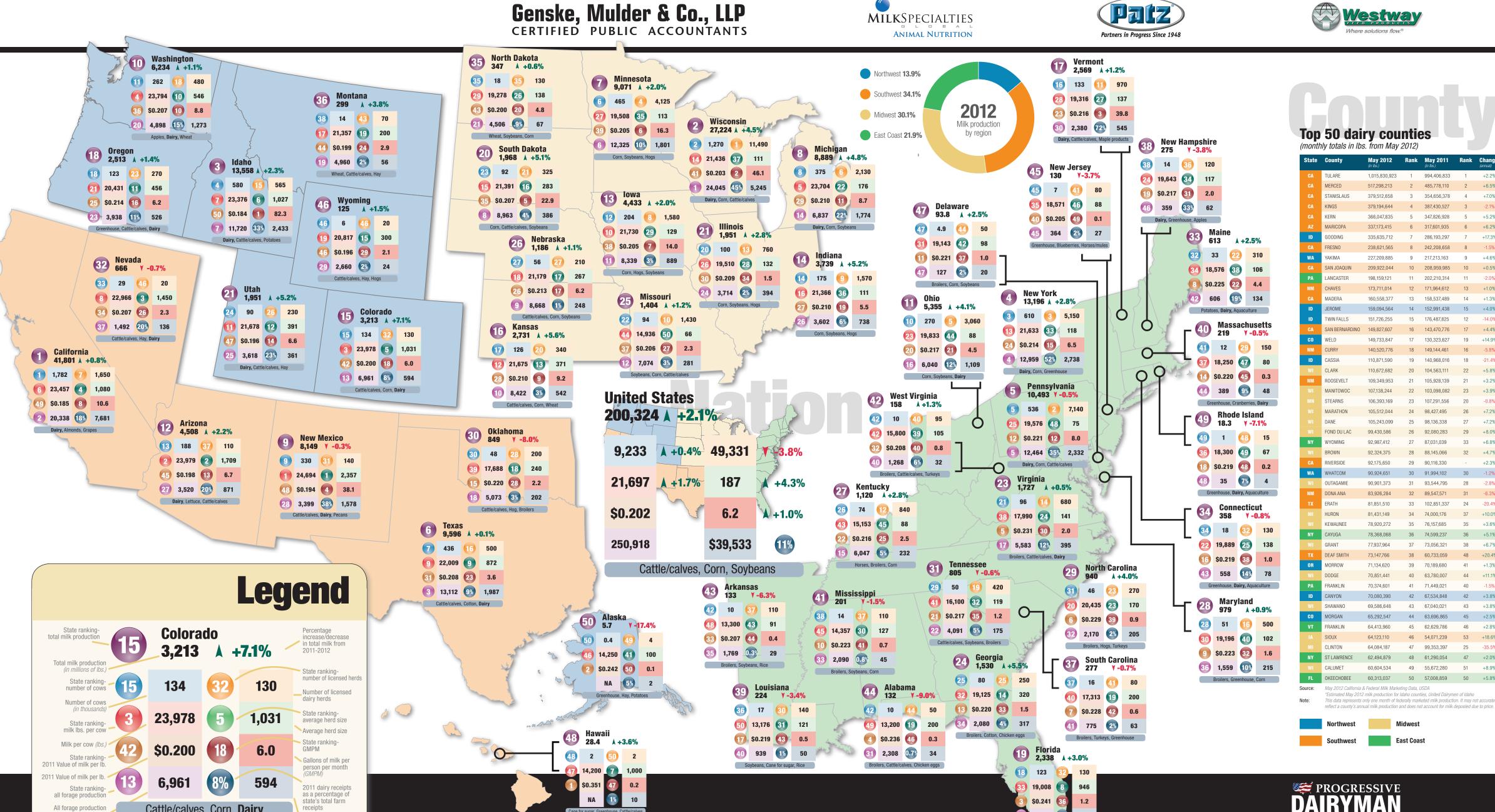


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